

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

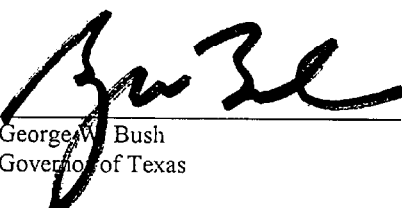
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto **House Bill No. 1851** because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 1851 would permit a court to validate, without parental approval, a minor child's long-term contract with a sports team, entertainment agency, or other party. It would also take away the child's rights under current Texas law to modify or terminate the contract after reaching the age of eighteen. This bill fails to recognize the importance of the parent-child relationship and could lead to exploitation of minors.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1999.




George W. Bush
Governor of Texas

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SECRETARY OF STATE
11:45pm O'CLOCK

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